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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

October 14, 2011

Re: ***Request for a Waiver of the Commission's Rules to Deploy a 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Broadband Network: The City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland and the City of San Jose Waiver – Expedited Action Requested***
PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Santa Cruz County (the "County") provides this letter in support of the Expedited Request for Waiver ("Waiver Request") of the City and County of San Francisco, City of Oakland and City of San Jose ("Petitioners") filed in the above referenced proceeding.

The County is currently considering becoming a member of the Bay Area Regional Interoperability Communications System Joint Powers Authority (the "BayRICS Authority") and participating in the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband ("BayWEB") project. The County is included within the proposed BayWEB geographic service area and is one of the "BayWEB Jurisdictions" as referenced in the Waiver Request.

The Petitioners are seeking a waiver of the Commission's May 2010 Waiver Order to enter into a lease with the Public Safety Spectrum Trust ("PSST") for access to the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum covering all of the BayWEB Jurisdictions, including the County. The Petitioners have requested that the Commission permit either the Petitioners or the BayRICS Authority to enter into such lease as lessee.

Although the County has not yet determined whether it will join the BayRICS Authority, it intends to participate in the BayWEB project at some time in the future. As a result, the County supports the Waiver Request and consents to and authorizes the Petitioners or in the alternative

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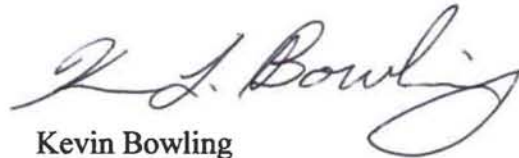
the BayRICS Authority (as determined by the Commission) to enter into the lease with the PSST on the County's behalf with spectrum coverage that includes the entire County. The County furthermore is not opposed to having the BayRICS Authority serve as the single, authorized point of contact for the BayWEB project, including oversight and management of the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum on behalf of the County .

In conclusion, the County endorses the Petitioners' Waiver Request and consents to either the Petitioners or the BayRICS Authority serving as lessee on a lease with the PSST, as authorized by the Commission in PS Docket No. 06-229, for use of the public safety broadband spectrum throughout the entire geographic region of the County, including all the jurisdictions within the County.

Sincerely,

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Phil Wowak
Sheriff-Coroner

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. L. Bowling", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kevin Bowling
Director, Information Services Department